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SUBJ: SHRIMPING OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 13647 (B) BRUSSELS 15066
(C) BRUSSELS 18534 (NOTAL (D) BRUSSELS 17732

1. EC COMMISSION FISHERY OFFICIAL FARNELL HAS INFORMED
US THAT, IN VIEW OF INADEQUATE TIME TO DECIDE ON MODIFICA-
TION OF REGULATION GOVERNING FRENCH GUIANA SHRIMPING,
COMMISSION AND PERMREP FISHERY EXPERTS HAVE RECOMMENDED
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TO EC COUNCIL THAT THE EXISTING REGULATION (REF A) AND
THE VALIDITY OF EXISTING LICENSES BE EXTENDED THROUGH
JANUARY 31, 1978. FARNELL INDICATED THAT, IF THE
COUNCIL APPROVES THIS PROPOSAL, NO NEW LICENSE APPLICA-
TIONS WILL BE NECESSARY, AND CURRENTLY LICENSED VESSELS
WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE ACTIVITY AFTER DECEMBER 31.
THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO US BY FRENCH

PERMREP FISHERY OFFICIAL LOTT.

2. FARNELL HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE EXISTING REGIME, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED EARLIER THIS WEEK, WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF A PROCEDURAL BRITISH WAITING RESERVE, RESULTING FROM THE FACT THAT THE UK PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE REGULATION. FARNELL TOLD US THAT, IF THE UK RESERVE IS LIFTED, AS EXPECTED, ON DECEMBER 22, THE REGULATION WILL BE APPROVED THROUGH WRITTEN PROCEDURE BY DECEMBER 30.

3. ON RELATED MATTER, COMMISSION FISHERY OFFICIAL VON WULLERSTORFF HAS REMARKED TO US THAT COMMISSION HAS YET TO RECEIVE A SINGLE CATCH REPORT FROM U.S. VESSELS, AS REQUIRED BY EC LICENSE PROVISIONS (REF B). HE ASKED THAT WE BRING THIS FACT TO VESSEL OWNERS' ATTENTION AND REQUEST THEIR COMPLIANCE.

4. MISSION COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY HEAVY WORKLOAD FOR EC FISHERY OFFICIALS, U.S. SHRIMPING INTERESTS HAVE RECEIVED A REPRIEVE ON WHAT WILL STILL ALMOST SURELY BE AN ULTIMATE SUBSTANTIAL CUTBACK ON THEIR ACTIVITY IN FRENCH GUIANA ZONE. COMMISSION AND PERMREP FISHERY OFFICIALS CONFIRM TO US THAT FRENCH PROPOSALS (REF C) CONTINUE TO FIND SYMPATHY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMONG OTHER MEMBER STATES. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT IN ORDER TO CREATE AS GOOD AN ATMOSPHERE IN US-EC FISHERY RELATIONS AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE RESPONSE TO ACTIONS REQUESTED REFS (C) AND (D) WELL IN ADVANCE OF JANUARY 16 FISHERY COUNCIL.
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